

South Whidbey Tilth Business Meeting Minutes — May 18, 2017

Council of Trustees members Prescott, Edward Hueneke, Judy Kaplan, Andréa Linton, Angie Hart and Ida Gianopulos. Members in general J.C. May and Michael Seraphinoff

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. at the Trinity Lutheran Church community building in Freeland

Minutes — Michael agreed to take minutes. The minutes of the April 11 business meeting were approved as written.

Announcements

- **Fencing Work Party Saturday, May 20** at 10 a.m. per Pete Little, contact him if you can help at dpete@hotmail.com or 425-232-6830
- **Swarm Against Monsanto**, May 20 meet at 11 a.m. to prepare and get into formation for the noon march at Bayview Park & Ride.
- **Cultivating Kids** at the Grange on Thursday, July 13 at 5:00 hosted by Slow Food Whidbey Island. It will be a showing of the movie and a potluck dinner along with a talk by Melinda Gardener from WIN. The event will be open to the public and free of charge.

Finance — Edward

Prescott will contact the water tester to do required tests.

Edward contacted Jeanne Celeste about a requirement to file with the Department of Labor and Industries quarterly regardless of whether there are employees or not.

Profit and loss statement: We are down from last year at this time in the general fund by nearly \$3,000 (\$2,054 as compared with \$5,065).

He pointed out that we have dedicated funds that could be redirected, but we need to communicate among ourselves how to attribute these expenses.

He reports that total checking and savings is still fairly good despite our costs so far this year.

Earth and Ocean Event April 19 — J.C. and Edward

J.C. and Ed reported on the Earth and Ocean high school event. Some 20 young people signed up to participate in some volunteer activities at Tilth. Ed suggested contacting all of the kids on the list, and Andréa followed up by suggesting that they be invited to enjoy our land and events as a first introduction and maybe ease them in to some helping out later. Angie will create a contact file and Andrea has offered to create an invitation message to them. Angie will immediately invite those on the “Strong Backs” list to help Saturday with the fence.

Conflict of Interest Agreement — Washington State requires each council member or employee to fill out an annual Conflict of Interest agreement. It is stated in our bylaws. All council members present did so. [Fred did later.]

Garden Club Plant Sale — Angie reported a successful promotion of Safe Growing Products display she set up for Tilth at the South Whidbey Garden Club plant sale on April 29.

Committee check in —

Membership/Community Relations/Development: Andréa reported that a membership need is to facilitate access to the membership list and to help make sure that renewal notices get out and that the list is up to date.

Market committee: Judy reported five members. She also reported progress on making sandwich boards but finds it a challenge to get them out and securely posted in the hard soil. J.C. distributed fliers at Bayview Market that have yielded results for the Community Produce booth.

Finance: Edward has a sort of committee with Andréa. He would like others to continue to do the fundraising, which is at this time part of membership. He would like clearer sense of directing of funds.

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And needs direction concerning where the \$10,000 sustainability fund should be held. The CD at Coastal Bank ends in early June. He proposed moving it to the Heritage Bank Savings Account until a something with a higher interest rate comes up.

Education: Angie reported her committee is sort of inactive, but Prescott and Michael do some support work. Julie Charette-Nunn will be doing some herbal classes this year, to be announced. Beekeeping teach-in will take place during the market May 21, and the Vermiculture class after the May 21 market. A soil class is planned for June 13 taught by Angie. A notice asking visitors what classes they would like in future might be posted at the market.

Land: Committee consists of Pete, JC, Linda Good, Tom Vincent, and probably Emma the intern. New compost pile is up and running.

South Whidbey Acoustic Music Festival (SWAM) is in the planning. We need volunteers for the event. 11 a.m. to 5 [correction: 4 p.m.] on Sunday June 25. Edward won't be there. Food vendors needed. Lynae wrote a proposal to Whidbey Telecom (WT) for musician and promotion support. A hundred dollars was received and WT will be listed as a sponsor.

Whidbey Island Area Fair — Need to keep in mind the planning needed prior to when the fair opens July 20 through the 23rd. and our educational display there. We have a display to design and we need to recruit stewards, judges and entry volunteers to partner with the Deer Lagoon Grange.

Sustainability Potluck is now set for Thursday, August 10. Andréa may be in charge. Edward and probably Emma will also be involved, plus others.

Yoga Floor at Tilth — the proposal was withdrawn by Andrea Binder.

Solstice event — Hahna Luna would still like to do a solstice event with camping and we still can't seem to pin down liability. Prescott is trying to get answers from our agent PLC Insurance LLC. A regular market breakfast visitor and volunteer lawyer, Albert Gustafson, is looking at it. Edward recommended bypassing the PLC agent and go directly to Liberty Mutual.

Next meeting — Thursday, June 15, beginning 6 p.m. and from now on at Tilth. The July meeting date has been changed to Tuesday, July 11, due to a schedule conflict of the president. Prescott will let Trinity Lutheran know of the change. We'll resume meeting at Trinity in September at 6 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Recorded by Michael Seraphinoff